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SUBJECT: SENI-HUSSEIN ONN PENANG MEETING

1. UPON JULY 25 RETURN FROM PENANG MEETING WITH MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER HUSSEIN ONN, PRIME MINISTER SENI HELD AIR-PORT PRESS CONCERANCE (EXCERPTS FROM UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION) AT WHICH HE SAID MEETING PRESENTED OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MUTUAL BORDER PROBLEMS. SENI CALLED CPM MOVEMENT INTO THAI JUNGLE SAFEHAVENS A "VERY MAJOR PROBLEM FOR MALAYSIA" BUT "NOT A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH FOR US." SENI SAID THAT WHEN HE HAD RAISED QUESTION OF MALAYSIA ASSISTING IN SUPPRESSION OF SEPARATIST MOVEMENT IN SOUTHERN THAILAND, MALAYSIANS WERE "HESITATING AND VACILLATING" BECAUSE PRIMARY CONCERN WAS THEIR DEALING WITH COMMUNIST TERRORISTS. SENI ALSO NOTED SEVERAL TIMES DURING PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HUSSEIN ONN WAS IN A "VERY DIFFICULT POSITION" IN DEALING WITH THAILAND'S MUSLIM SEPARATISTS BECAUSE THEY ARE "FELLOW COUNTRYMEN". ASKED ABOUT QUESTION OF HOT PURSUIT, SENI REPLIED THAT IT PRESENTED PROBLEM BUT ONE OF MUCH LESS IMPORTANCE THAN MALAYSIANS STATIONING THEIR TROOP'S IN THAI TERRITORY AS IN THE PAST. TACTICAL OPERATIONS IN THAI TERRITORY SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT JOINTLY WITH THAI FORCES AND UNDER ORDERS FROM THAI COMMANDERS; THAI FORCES IN HOT

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PURSUIT OF TERRORISTS INTO MALAYSIAN TERRITORY ALSO

SHOULD COOPERATE WITH MALAYSIANS AND BE UNDER MALAYSIAN  
COMMAND. SENI SAID THAT MALAYSIA WOULD GIVE REACTION TO THAI  
BORDER AGREEMENT DRAFT WITHIN TWO WEEKS.  
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